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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: KOSYGIN VISIT

1. DEPARUTRE SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN REPORTED PAGE-ONE YUGOSLAV MORNING PRESS OCT 2. TEXT JOINT COMMUNIQUE CARRIED IN LEADING DAILY NEWSPAPERS. EXTENSIVE REPORTS ON VISIT/COM-MUNIQUE INCLUDED BELGRADE TV EVENING OCT 1.

2. BELGRADE DAILIES BORBA AND POLITIKA BOTH JUXTAPOSES ON P.1 REPORTS OF KOSYGIN DEPARTURE WITH NEWS OF UPCOMING SCHULTZ/DENT VISIT. SIMILARLY, POLITIKA'S COVERAGE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE (PAGE 2) FOLLOWED BY REPORT FROM MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT BAJALSKI (PAGE 3) ON SHULTZ VISIT AND SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

3. BELGRADE DAILY POLITIKA OCT 2 EDIT (ZUJOVIC) EXPRESSES VIEW THAT RESULTS OF KOSYGIN VISIT REAFFIRM THAT PRINCIPLES OF BELGRADE DECLARATION AND TITO-BREZHNEV MEETINGS OF 1971 AND 1972 CONTINUE AS "BASIS FOR FULL COOPERATION BETWEEN SFRY AND USSR." EDIT STATES BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE MUCH IN COMMON, BUT ALSO NOTES DIFFERENCES IN "OFFICIAL POLICY" ON QUESTIONS OF INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN ESTIMATION OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS. EDIT CONCLUDES WITH EMPHASIS ON ROLE OF NON-ALIGNED CITED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

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4. ZAGREB DAILY VJESNIK OCT 2 INCLUDES COMMENTARY BY LJUBO DJORIC DESCRIBING KOSYGIN VISIT AS "COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL" AND DEMONSTRATION THAT "PRINCIPLES OF HISTORIC 1955 BELGRADE DECLARATION CANNOT BE SUBSTITUTED." REAFFIRMATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES, CONTINUES EDIT, HAS ALLOWED FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS AND SHOWN THAT "CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WAS NOT ONLY POSSIBLE, BUT FRUITFUL AND USEFUL." DJORIC ADDS/ "NO DOUBT SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT."
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